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SUBJECT: FRG EMBASSY QUERY ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON
INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING

1. FRG MINISTER MATTHIAS AND COUNSELOR MARKS CALLED
ON DEP ASST SEC (EUR) ARMITAGE MARCH 23 REGARDING NEW
YORK TIMES STORY ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S MARCH 22 REPORT
TO CONGRESS ON US INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING. MATTHIAS
AND MARKS STATED THAT THEY WERE COMING IN WITHOUT
INSTRUCTIONS AND ASKED WHETHER BONN HAD BEEN CONSULTED
ON NEW TRANSMITTERS, WHEN THEY MIGHT BE IN PLACE, AND
WHY THE ADMINISTRATION HAD RELEASED REPORT AT THIS TIME.

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2. ARMITAGE GAVE THEM A COPY OF THE PRESIDENTIAL REPORT.
HE STATED THAT WE UNDERSTOOD RFE/RL MANAGEMENT IN
MUNICH HAD AT VARIOUS TIMES DISCUSSED AN UPGRADING
OF THE QUALITY OF RFE/RL TRANSMITTERS IN THE FRG, AND
WILL AGAIN CONSULT WITH FRG AND BAVARIAN AUTHORITIES
BEFORE ANY NEW TRANSMITTERS ARE PLACED. THERE WILL BE

NO INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TRANSMITTERS IN THE FRG, BUT SIMPLY AN INCREASE IN TRANSMITTER POWER. WE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT WAS IN HARMONY WITH WHAT HAS BEEN AGREED UPON BETWEEN RFE/RL AND THE FEDERAL POST MINISTRY.

3. ARMITAGE SAID THAT MOST OF THE ELEVEN NEW RFE/RL TRANSMITTERS WILL PROBABLY BE INCLUDED IN THE FY 78 BUDGET. HE STRESSED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT WAS NOT A BILL FOR APPROPRIATIONS. IN ANSWER TO MATTHIAS' QUESTION, ARMITAGE EXPLAINED THAT THE TIMING OF THE REPORT'S RELEASE WAS NOT ACCIDENTAL. IT HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY CONGRESS IN THE FY 77 FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT AND HAD BEEN DUE ON JANUARY 31. BECAUSE THE NEW ADMINISTRATION WISHED TO REVIEW THE STUDY WHICH HAD BEEN DONE UNDER THE FORD ADMINISTRATION ITS SUBMISSION HAD BEEN DELAYED UNTIL NOW.

4. WE ARE POUCHING ADDRESSEES COPIES OF THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT FYI: RFE/RLA REACHED BUNDESPOST OFFICIAL

KRATCH IN 1976 REGARDING REPLACING FOUR LOW-POWERED HOLZKIRSCHEN TRANSMITTERS WITH SIX 100 KW TRANSMITTERS. THE BUNDESPOST INDICATED THAT THE INCREASE IN POWER WAS NOT A PROBLEM, BUT THAT THE FOUR COULD ONLY BE REPLACED AND NOT INCREASED. ON MARCH 11, RFE/RL ASKED TO MEET WITH KATCH AGAIN TO OBTAIN HIS APPROVAL FOR REPLACING THE FOUR WITH 250 KW TRANSMITTERS. END FYI.

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